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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8 and 10-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6-8,10,11 and 13-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 03/09/2009 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/09/2009 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Das et al (US 7,437,654) in view of Lee-William (US 2005/0058154), and further in view of Lee-Young (US 2001/0030955).**

Regarding claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 20, Das teaches a method for transmission of packetized data in a wireless communication system having a designated packet error rate (Figure #1, Base Station Retransmit/Error Subpacket), the method comprising: determining a first number of installments for transmission of a first subpacket of data (Col. 1, line 20 to Col. 2, line 40); determining a second number of installments for transmission of the first subpacket of data (Col. 3, line 39 to Col. 4, line 44), the second number less than the first number (Re-transmit error packets/subpacket, Col. 1, line 51 to Col. 2, line 40);

But Das does not clearly teach determining power boost gain factors for the second number of installments the power boost gain factors satisfying the designated packet error rate; power boosting transmissions of the second number of installments of the first subpacket of data by applying the power boost gain factors; and terminating transmission of the first subpacket of data after the second number of installments.

However, Lee-William teaches determining power boost gain factors for the second number of installments the power boost gain factors satisfying the designated packet error rate [0037, 0050-0053]; power boosting transmissions of the second number of installments of the first subpacket of data by applying the power boost gain factors [0034-0037, 0050-0053, 0149], and [0287-0295];

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Das, with Lee's teaching, in order to provide the efficiently control the power of transmission signal for minimizing the delay of packet loss and waste of transmission energy etc. for saving cost such as packet overhead.

But Das and Lee-William do not clearly teach terminating transmission of the first subpacket of data after the second number of installments.

However, Lee-Young teaches terminating transmission of the first subpacket of data after the second number of installments ([0053-0054], sub-frame/packet, and portion of frame/packet).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Das and Lee-William, with Lee-Young's system, in order to enhance the quality of service and save cost e.g. for minimizing the delay of retransmission and reducing time period of latency.

Regarding claims 3 and 10, Das, Lee-William and Lee-Young teach the method as in claim 1, wherein the power boosting gain factors are nominally set to (N/M) (See portion of Frame [0035], [0046-0047]) of Lee-Young, wherein N is the first number of installments, and M is the second number of installments (See portion of Frame/Packet [0035], [0046-0047]) all of Lee-Young.

Regarding claims 4 and 11, Das, Lee-William and Lee-Young teach the method as in claim 1, wherein terminating transmission of the first subpacket of data comprises: initiating a second subpacket of data after the second number of installments ([0053-0054], sub-frame/packet Selective) of Lee-William.

Regarding claims 6 and 13, Das, Lee-William and Lee-Young teach the method as in claim 1, further comprising: receiving a negative acknowledgement message after transmission of the second number of installments [0034-0037, 0050-0053, 0149]; and processing the first subpacket of data at a higher layer [0030-0037, 0050-0053, 0149], and [0287-0295] all of Lee-Young.

Regarding claims 7 and 14, Das, Lee-William and Lee-Young teach the method as in claim 1, further comprising: receiving an acknowledgement message before transmission of all of the second number of installments [0046-0047]; and initiating transmission of a second subpacket of data (See Re-transmit a portion of Frame/Package [0035], [0046-0047]) all of Lee-Young.

Regarding claim 17, Das, Lee-William and Lee-Young the method as in claim 16, wherein the first negative acknowledgement has a first bit pattern ([0053-0054, error frame/package), and the second negative acknowledgement is a different bit pattern orthogonal to the first bit pattern [0053-0057] all of Lee-William.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 5 and 12, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten **claims 5 and 12** in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With respect to claims 5 and 12, the prior art of record fails to teach alone or in combination the method as in claim 1, wherein the first number of installments for the first subpacket of data corresponds to a first time period, wherein terminating transmission of the first subpacket of data comprises: waiting for expiration of the first time period; and initiating transmission of a second subpacket of data after expiration of the first time period.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL T. VU whose telephone number is (571)272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles N. Appiah can be reached on 571-272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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